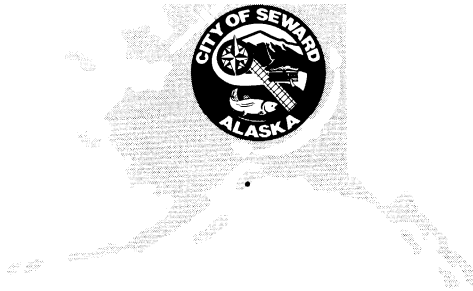


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RE: Prince William Sound/Copper River Area Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Ottesen,

Thank you for your recent presentation to the Seward City Council on the Prince William Sound/Copper River Area Transportation Plan.

As you know Seward was included in the Prince William Sound/Copper River Area Transportation Plan specifically because of the link it currently provides to the Prince William Sound communities via the M/V Tustumena. Unfortunately, the preferred alternative of the Plan proposes to eliminate the M/V Tustumena's service within the Prince William Sound in order to dedicate her service to Southwest Alaska, and in effect discontinue the AMHS connection between Seward and the Prince William Sound.

While I understand and respect the need to improve transportation services to under-served geographic regions and reduce state expenditures, I must object to a recommendation that eliminates AMHS services to Seward.

In addition to the presentation to the City Council, the PWS/Copper River Area Transportation Plan was presented to the Seward Planning and Zoning Commission and the Seward Port and Commerce Advisory Board for review. Both groups support continued marine highway service to Seward. Furthermore, the Seward Comprehensive Plan identifies a strong community interest in ensuring that the MV Tustumena continues to use Seward as its home port.

Sincerely,  
The City of Seward, Alaska

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Scott Janke', is written over the typed name.

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